

## COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MARCH 4, 2013

### MEETING NOTES

Present: David Magill, Mark Pharaoh, Chris Richardson, George Schlapo, Sean Thomas Smith, Michael Waters, James Zepp.

Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Christine Brett [Parks], and Susan Hoffmann [Rec].

Absent: Rose Alvarez, Erik Johnson, James Krzyminski, Paul Lofgren, Ron MacNab, Felecia Wilson, Steve Beach [CUPF], Mary Bradford [Parks], Morton Davis [Commission on Aging], Tony DeVaul [Park Police], Ursula Hermann [MCPS], , Kamran Rasul [Commission on Disabilities], Robin Riley [Rec].

Guests: Eileen Emmet [Parks], Joey Lampl [Parks], and Rachel Newhouse [Parks].

#### Chair Report – Chris Richardson

- Chair Richardson welcomed everyone and introduced guests.
- Meeting Agenda and February 4, 2013 Meeting Notes were unanimously approved, with amendments.

#### Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- County Executive made it clear in his FY14 budget announcement that he will not be adding work years to County staff. Montgomery County Recreation will be adding one position...Director of the Plum Gar Community Recreation Center, scheduled to open later this year.
- The effects of sequestration will not be felt in Montgomery County until FY15.
- The disabled community has grown tremendously in numbers in the last few years. We all deal with the issue of mainstreaming vs. special programming and are trying to find a happy medium.
- Therapeutic Recreation held an inclusive Aquatic event, the Polar Bear Plunge, at the Germantown Swim Center. The facility was closed and open only to the disabled. There were 130 registrations.
- Board is invited to attend the groundbreaking of the Scotland Neighborhood Recreation Center on March 27 at 11am.
- Board is invited to attend the grand opening of the Plum Gar Community Recreation Center on July 20.

#### CIP Update –Jeff

- Referred the Board to the Montgomery County Recreation draft of the FY15-20 Proposed CIP previously distributed at the February meeting.
- Provided CIP talking points for two upcoming meetings:
  - Board Chair Richardson will sit with the Montgomery County Planning Board during a CIP budget forum on March 21
  - Countywide Recreation Advisory Board meeting with County Executive on April 9

#### Parks Update – Christine Brett

- Held an open house at Rockwood
- Campground is open at Little Bennett Park
- The tent pad will be up by April 1

#### Wall Local Park – presentation by Rachel Newhouse, Park Planning Manager, and Jeff Bourne

- White Flint Sector Plan has been redefined to make it more urban. Roads were realigned to make it a more walkable space.
- Community wanted to have more impact on the sector plan. Decision was made to put the new Community Recreation Center in Wall Park and to co-locate it at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center. Parking will be moved to adjacent structured garages that abut residential.

#### Josiah Henson Park – presentation by Eileen Emmet, Architect, Park Development Div., and Joey Lampl, Manager, Cultural Resources Stewardship Section

#### Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – no meeting. Not getting as much information from staff as in the past. Visited the Argyle Excell Beyond the Bell [EBB] program.
- Gabe committed to the Board to be more proactive with information.
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – absent

#### Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Steve Beach – reimplementing child care bid process. MCPS delegated the responsibility to Community Use of Public Facilities. Working with Kate Stookey of Parks to determine if there are any fields available for adoption.

- Commission on Aging, Morton Davis – wants to have a meeting with the County Executive and Chief Manger. Montgomery County is not doing nearly what is done in Florida.
- MCPS – Ursula Hermann – absent
- M-NCPPC Police, Chief Tony DeVaul – absent

#### Old/New Business

- Chair Richardson asked the Board to email her if anyone plans to attend the March 21 CIP Forum and the April 9 meeting with the County Executive.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

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